

California Horse Racing Board

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION
TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of January 7, 2020 through January 12, 2020.

Tuesday

01/07/2020

(1) ENTRIES

Steward Scott Chaney oversaw entries for this Friday night and will author the minutes this week.

Wednesday

01/08/2020

(1) ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES

Steward Scott Chaney was present to oversee entries for Saturday night and changes to Friday's card.

Thursday

01/09/2020

(1) ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES

Steward Scott Chaney was present to oversee entries for Sunday night and changes to Saturday's card.

Friday

01/10/2020

(1) FILM REVIEW

Jockey VINNIE BEDNAR came to the office to discuss his ride in the sixth race Sunday after which his mount was disqualified for interference. He acknowledged his mistake and accepted the following ruling:

Ruling #11

JOCKEY VINNIE BEDNAR, WHO RODE LIFE CALL IN THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JANUARY 5, 2020, IS SUSPENDED FOR TWO (2) RACING DAYS (JANUARY 17TH AND 18TH, 2020) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE WHICH RESULTED IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM THIRD TO FIFTH POSITION. THIS CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1699 (RIDING RULES-CARELESS RIDING).

Jockey JOSE NICASIO came to the office to discuss his crop use during the eighth race on Sunday. He used it at least five times in succession without giving the horse a chance to respond. Unfortunately, this is his fifth violation in the last sixty days. In addition, we explained to the jockey colony at the beginning of the meet that we were increasing the penalties for crop violations because they occur too frequently at Los Alamitos. To that end and because of Mr. Nicasio's recent history, we issued the following ruling:

Ruling #12

JOCKEY JOSE NICASIO, WHO RODE AS AND JS IN THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JANUARY 5, 2020, IS SUSPENDED FOR FIVE (5) RACING DAYS (JANUARY 17TH, 18TH, 19TH, 24TH AND 25TH, 2020) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-FIFTH OFFENSE WITHIN THE PAST 60 DAYS).

Jockey EDUARD ROJAS came to the office to discuss his ride in the second race Sunday. Video revealed that he dropped in going into the turn causing the horse to his inside to steady. He claimed that he gave the horse sufficient room. We disagreed and issued the following ruling:

Ruling #13

JOCKEY EDUARD F. ROJAS, WHO RODE YODELERS WAY IN THE SECOND RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JANUARY 5, 2020, IS SUSPENDED FOR TWO (2) RACING DAYS (JANUARY 17TH AND 18TH, 2020) FOR ALTERING COURSE WITHOUT SUFFICIENT CLEARANCE CAUSING INTERFERENCE ENTERING THE FAR TURN. THIS CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1699 (RIDING RULES- CARELESS RIDING).

(2) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race #1 Win Win – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Fitzgerald
#6 Lovely Storm – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald
No Show Wagering Refund \$197.00
2nd Race #1 Cali Rocks – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Fitzgerald
#2 Sea Sense – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald
#6 Zackee – Stewards' scratch, ineligible Refund \$515.00
3rd Race #2 Warm It Up – Claimed – J. Mendoza, trainer
#3 Zapattack – Claimed – A. Aquino, trainer
#4 Virginia Hall – Claimed – S. Rivera, trainer
#6 Yolanda's Stone – Rider change – ER Fernandez for E. Garcia (family issue)
4th Race #1 Charming Alexis – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Fitzgerald
#5 Cioppino Pasadino – Claimed – J. Uranga, trainer Refund \$212.00
5th Race #1 Timberlake Gage – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald
#2 Haveiture Way – Stewards' scratch, ineligible No Show Wagering Refund \$823.00
6th Race No changes; Refund \$0.00
7th Race No changes; Refund \$0.00
8th Race #3 Myfavoritestreaker – Stewards' scratch, ineligible. Refund \$0.00

(3) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	461	\$49,940.10
Off track	1,710	\$166,655.40
Out of state	N/A	\$556,276.30
Total	2,171	\$772,871.80

Saturday
01/11/2020

(1) AVALOS DECISION

After considering the evidence, the complaint (case number 19LA0207) filed against assistant starter JOB AVALOS was dismissed.

(2) INQUIRY-NO CHANGE

Following the running of the sixth race, we posted the inquiry sign to examine the starts of third place finisher #4 Strong Willed (E. Gomez), fifth place finisher #6 Fooses Babe (C. Mendez), and last place finisher #5 Up N Fly (J.R. Ramirez). #5 stumbled badly and caused her own problems. Video also revealed that #4 breaks out and #6 breaks in and make hard contact in the middle. Given that they both contributed to the incident, we unanimously voted to make no change to the original order of finish.

(3) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race #2 El Regalo F G – Rider change – M. Arana for J. Sanchez (sick)
#3 The Supply Program – Claimed – J. Rosales, trainer
#4 Minimal Mistake – Claimed – J. Rosales, trainer
2nd Race #1 Poinsettia Park – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$142.00
3rd Race #3 Go Sammy Go – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald
#4 Little Joe M. – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Fitzgerald No Show Wagering
Refund \$227.00
4th Race No changes; Refund \$0.00
5th Race #3 Chromie – Stewards' scratch, ineligible Refund \$202.00
6th Race No changes; Refund \$0.00
7th Race No changes; Refund \$0.00
8th Race No changes; Refund \$0.00

(4) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	623	\$60,518.60
Off track	1,747	\$197,533.40
Out of state	N/A	\$571,041.13
Total	2,370	\$829,093.13

Sunday
01/12/2020

(1) FILM REVIEW

Jockey FRANK JOHNSON came to the office to review his ride in the fourth race last night. His horse angled in one furlong into the race, causing two horses to his inside to steady and lose ground. He explained that his mount was influenced by the horse to his outside and that he was trying to stay off of heels. We felt that he still had sufficient room and therefore the quick, inward move was unwarranted. We issued the following ruling:

Ruling #14

JOCKEY FRANK JOHNSON, WHO RODE AVO IN THE FOURTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JANUARY 11, 2020, IS SUSPENDED FOR TWO (2) RACING DAYS (JANUARY 19TH AND 24TH, 2020) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE ON THE BACKSTRETCH, CAUSING INTERFERENCE. THIS CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1699 (RIDING RULES- CARELESS RIDING).

Jockey CHRISTIAN ARAGON came to the office to review the race mentioned above. He was aboard the horse on the outside. Although we felt he was careful when angling, we emphasized that the outside horse controls much of the room between horses and to take care of his fellow riders. He agreed.

(2) INQUIRY-STARTER

We posted the inquiry sign during the running of the third race when #1 Hydrostatic (E. Payeras) stumbled at the start and lost his rider. A review indicated that the horse stumbled on its own and was therefore declared a starter.

(3) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race No changes; Refund \$0.00
2nd Race No changes; Refund \$0.00
3rd Race #1 Hydrostatic – Claimed – J. Uranga, trainer

#3 Seattle Encounter – Claimed – S. Morfin, trainer
 4th Race No changes; Refund \$0.00
 5th Race No changes; Refund \$0.00
 6th Race No changes; Refund \$0.00
 7th Race #1 Injuns Caritas PGS – Stewards' scratch, ineligible Refund \$85.00
 8th Race #3 Chicks Fayvorite – Stewards' scratch, stake
 #2 A Mere Icon – Rider change – P. Leon (+2) for M. Jasso (no show)

(4) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	490	\$69,775.90
Off track	1,670	\$304,073.10
Out of state	N/A	\$625,786.73
Total	2,160	\$999,635.73

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on January 12, 2020. There were no equine deaths to report this week. During this reporting period, 11 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 7 for soundness, 3 for injury, and 1 for sickness. Eleven horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward C. Scott Chaney.

SUMMARY

	Wed	Thurs	Fri 01/10	Sat 01/11	Sun 01/12	Week	Meet
Accidents	D		0	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	A		0	0	0	0	0
Claims	R		4	2	2	8	25
Disqualification s	K		0	0	0	0	4
Inquiries		D	0	1	1	2	7
Refunds		A	4	3	1	8	33
Rulings		Y	3	0	1	4	14
Voided Claims		S	0	0	0	0	3

Stewards' Attendance: Stewards Scott Chaney, Tom Ward, James Dreyer and Safety Steward David Nuesch were in attendance during this reporting period.

Scott Chaney, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

James Dreyer, Steward

David Nuesch, Safety Steward